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My Dear Parishioners:

I hope and pray all of you are keeping in good health and following the announcements from the Government seriously: stay healthy & stay at home. I have been following the news closely and according to the news, it looks like nothing is going to change for our Catholic community perhaps until mid-June. If this is going to help us in a longer run, let us follow the dictates of our Government.

In this Sunday's Gospel (John 14: 15~21), there are two strong images i.e. the law and love. In a few verses, Jesus keeps moving between the two ideas because He knows how closely they are related.

This may seem curious to the modern years because we have been duped into thinking that the law is the enemy of love and that only freedom & joy are love's fruits. But just think for a moment of people or projects we love, ones to which we are committed. We do not need a rule book to call us to the generous and sacrificial behaviours in this regard. We respond above and beyond to the call of duty not because of the "law" but because of "love". . as we see by the acts of all our brave frontline workers. Jesus teaches us today that obedience to His commandments is a subset of our loving relationship with Him. And the more we are obedient to Christ's commandment, the more we are listening to His spirit's call in our lives.

Like Jesus, St. Paul tells us that the law of love is not primarily revealed in what we say or how we feel, but in what we do. Christian love is an intensely practical affair. When we are patient, kind and gentle with each other, tell the truth and remain faithful, we are listening most carefully to Christ's commandment.

UPDATES DURING COVID 19

Daily Mass

His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins continues to [livestreaming daily Mass](#) from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 7:30 a.m. from Monday to Saturday, and at 10 a.m. on Sunday. These Masses are also archived and accessible on the [Archdiocese of Toronto YouTube page](#) for the faithful to view later in the day.

E-Transfers

Transfers are now available. We have as of earlier this week, made it possible for you to e transfer your donations to St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's Mission Church. You must have an on line bank account to do this. You will go to e transfers on your bank account and enter the following email address st.joseph.church@rogers.com. Then follow the instructions given by your bank to create a new payee (St. Joseph's Parish). Once done, you will be able to transfer from your account to the Parish account at our banking institution which is CIBC. We have made e transfers possible to help you donate to St. Joseph's Parish in a secure way and a more convenient way. E transfers will be a service that will continue for our parish from this day forward. Thank you!

In closing, please stay safe, stay healthy and pray the Rosary daily especially as we are in the month of May. On my part every evening I am in front of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass, praying for all my dear parishioners. In case you have any particular intentions, please give me a call or send an email message. May God bless each one of you until we can all be together again.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

Rev. Oswin Fernandes
Pastor